

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2014.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 5074–5092; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 105–106; and H. Res. 666–667 were introduced. **Pages H6135–36**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6136–37**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4572, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–518). **Page H6135**

**Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation:** The House passed H.R. 4718, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation, by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 160 noes, Roll No. 404. **Pages H6110–21**

Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 403. **Pages H6119–21**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 113–517, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H6110**

Representative Van Hollen raised a point of order against consideration of H.R. 4718 by stating that the bill violated provisions of the Congressional Budget Act. Subsequently, the Chair ruled that provisions of H. Res. 661, which provides for the con-

sideration of H.R. 4718, waive all points of order against consideration of the bill. **Pages H6112–19**

H. Res. 661, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5016) and (H.R. 4718), was agreed to yesterday, July 10th.

**Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 657, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization. **Pages H6121–22**

Agreed to the Royce amendment to the resolution by voice vote. **Page H6122**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet on Monday, July 14th at 12 noon for Morning Hour Debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H6124**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Peters (CA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on the Budget, Agriculture, and Natural Resources from the consideration of H.R. 3992, to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 10).

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6120–21 and H6121. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### 21ST CENTURY CURES: INCORPORATING THE PATIENT PERSPECTIVE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Incorporating the Patient Perspective”. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

### CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS: STATES VS. FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Constitutional Considerations: States vs. Federal Environmental Policy Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Robert Meltz, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

### AGENCY PERSPECTIVES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Over-Criminalization Task Force held a hearing on Agency Perspectives. Testimony was heard from Timothy J. Heaphy, United States Attorney, Western District of Virginia, Department of Justice; Irene M. Keeley, United States District Judge, Judicial Conference of the United States; Defender of New York; Patti B. Saris, Chair, United States Sentencing Commission; and David Patton, Executive Director and Attorney-in-charge, Federal Defender of New York.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE: THE VIABILITY OF THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Workforce: The Viability of the Senior Executive Service”. Testimony was heard from Samuel Retherford, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Stephen Shih, Deputy Associate Director, Executive Resources and Employee Development, Office of Personnel Management; and a public witness.

### FUSION ENERGY: THE WORLD'S MOST COMPLEX ENERGY PROJECT

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Fusion Energy: The World’s Most Complex Energy Project”. Testimony was heard from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accountability Office; Pat Dehmer, Deputy Director for Science Programs, Department of Energy; Ned Sauthoff, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and a public witness.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James C. Miller, III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 3 p.m., SD-342.

#### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the “Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act”; H.R. 4250, the “Sunscreen Innovation Act”; H.R. 594, the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2014; H.R. 669, the “Sudden Unexpected Death and Data Enhancement and Awareness Act”; H.R. 4290, the “Wakefield Act of 2014”; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5057, the “EPS Service Parts Act of 2014”, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5021, the “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Evaluation of the Process to Achieve VBA Goals”, 7:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.